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Co-owner Reyes Arreola works behind the meat counter at Dos Hermanos Market in downtown Ypsilanti. Dos hermanos is Spanish for two brothers. Reyes' brother Nicolas is the other owner. They own a another market in Adrian.

2 brothers now have 2 stores

Dos Hermanos sells Mexican food and much more

RETAIL REPORT

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After recently losing the Hispanic-oriented grocery **Mexican Point**, the Ypsilanti area regained a similar shop last week when **Dos Hermanos Market** opened.

The Dos Hermanos Market in downtown Ypsilanti is indeed run by dos hermanos – that's Spanish for two brothers – and is the second store for owners Reyes and Nicolas Arreola. For the past three years, the men have run a Dos Hermanos Market in Adrian.

However, Reyes Arreola is quick to point out his market doesn't just sell Mexican food. Instead, he offers a full selection of meat – some butchered in-house – as well as produce and items spanning from the Caribbean to Central America to Mexico and the U.S.

"There is something for everybody," Arreola said.

Soon the market will also sell bread baked fresh daily by the family at its Adrian store.

Reyes Arreola said his mother used to run a grocery when he and his brother were young and lived in Mexico. About a year ago the brothers began looking for a location to house their second Dos Hermanos, and finally settled on the Ypsilanti space this spring. The new market is three times the size of the Adrian store.

- Address: 412 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti.
- Phone: 734-487-8802.
- Hours: Every day, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

Days are numbered for Farmer Jack

The end appears imminent for **Farmer Jack**.

Parent company Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. says it plans to sell or close all of its 66 Farmer Jack stores by July 7, including those in Belleville and Hartland Township. A company official said most of the stores will likely be sold.

In Hartland, Farmer Jack is the only large grocery store in the area. It employs about 200, according to state officials.

Part of a plan announced in April to close all of Michigan's 66 Farmer Jack stores, the closure would leave the Hartland area without a conveniently located large grocery, but speculation is that another grocer is interested in acquiring the site.

Store officials were tight-lipped regarding details of the closure, including its exact date and what will become of the building after it is vacated.

"As of this moment, we have no definitive sale agreements for any stores," Richard De Santa, A&P's director of communications, said in an e-mail response to questions.

"We are in very advanced stages of negotiations for the sale of the majority of the Farmer Jack stores," De Santa wrote. "This is why we believe July 7 to be a reasonable target date by which all stores will either be sold or closed."

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